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REMARKS

I. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2006, claims 5 and 20 have been canceled and claims 1, 6, 16 and 21 have been amended. Claims 1-4, 6-19 and 21-30 remain in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. Prior Art Rejections

On page (2) of the Office Action, claims 1-4, 14-19, and 29-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2001/0049295 (Matsuoka).

However, on page (3) of the Office Action, claims 5-13 and 20-28 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant's attorney acknowledges the indication of allowable claims. Moreover, Applicant's attorney has amended the independent claims 1 and 16 to include the limitations of allowed claims 5 and 20, respectively. Consequently, Applicant's attorney submits that all of the claims are now allowable.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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